

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

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CHEVRON NATURAL GAS SERVICES, INC.	)	FE DOCKET NO. 92-125-NG
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ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION TO  
IMPORT NATURAL GAS FROM CANADA

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 723

NOVEMBER 19, 1992

## I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

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On September 28, 1992, Chevron Natural Gas Services, Inc. (CNGS), filed an application with the Office of Fossil Energy of the Department of Energy (DOE), under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), requesting blanket authorization to import up to 73 Bcf of natural gas from Canada over a two-year term beginning on the date of first delivery after December 16, 1992, the date when CNGS's current authorization expires.<sup>1/</sup>

CNGS, a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Houston, Texas, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Chevron Corporation. CNGS intends to import the natural gas on its own behalf or as an agent for others.

A notice of the application was published in the Federal Register on October 14, 1992, inviting protests, motions to intervene, notices of intervention and comments to be filed by November 13, 1992.<sup>2/</sup> No comments or motions to intervene were received.

## II. FINDING

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The application filed by CNGS has been evaluated to determine if the proposed import arrangement meets the public interest requirements of section 3 of the NGA, as amended by section 201 of The Energy Policy Act of 1992 (Pub. L. 102-486). Under section 3(c), the import of natural gas from a nation with which

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1/ See DOE/FE Opinion and Order No. 380, 1 FE 70,298 (1989).

2/ 57 FR 47072.

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there is in effect a free trade agreement requiring national treatment for trade in natural gas is deemed to be consistent with the public interest and must be granted without modification or delay. The authorization sought by CNGS to import natural gas from Canada, a nation with which a free trade agreement is in effect, meets the section 3(c) criterion and is therefore consistent with the public interest.

ORDER

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For the reasons set forth above, under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act, it is ordered that:

A. Chevron Natural Gas Services, Inc. (CNGS) is authorized to import from Canada, at any point on the international border, up to 73 Bcf of natural gas over a two-year term beginning on the date of first delivery after December 16, 1992.

B. Within two weeks after deliveries begin, CNGS shall notify the Office of Fuels Programs, Fossil Energy, Room 3F-056, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, in writing of the date that the first import of natural gas authorized in Ordering Paragraph A above occurred.

C. With respect to the natural gas imports authorized by this Order, CNGS shall file with the Office of Fuels Programs, within 30 days following each calendar quarter, quarterly reports indicating whether imports of natural gas have been made. If no imports have been made, a report of "no activity" for that calendar quarter must be filed. If imports have occurred, CNGS must report total monthly volumes in Mcf and the average purchase

price per MMBtu at the international border. The reports shall also provide the details of each import transaction, including (1) the name of the seller(s); (2) the name of the purchaser(s); (3) the estimated or actual duration of the agreement(s); (4) the name of the U.S. transporter(s); (5) the point(s) of entry; (6) the geographic market(s) served; (7) whether sales are being made on an interruptible or firm basis; and if applicable, (8) the contract pricing provisions, including the per unit (MMBtu) demand/commodity/reservation charge breakdown of the contract price.

D. The first quarterly report required by Ordering Paragraph C of this Order is due not later than January 30, 1993, and should cover the period from the date of this order until the end of the current calendar quarter December 31, 1992.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on November 19, 1992.

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for Fuels Programs  
Office of Fossil Energy